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1. [redacted] National Medical College of Shanghai and [redacted]
[redacted] St John's University Medical School
of Shanghai [redacted] 25X1
2. While medical training in China in general was not on a top-flight level, 25X1
both of the schools [redacted] furnished excellent training. [redacted]
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3. St John's University Medical School was primarily aimed at training general
practitioners. [redacted]
[redacted] The medical school consisted of about 100 to 150 students
in all [redacted] 25X1
4. The training was standard and such subjects as bacteriology and pathology were
just basic science courses rather than advanced training. The student body at
St John's University Medical School was restricted because of limited facilities
to no more than 30 students in the first year of medical training. These
students would be selected from about a hundred who had received pre-medical
training at the University. Because of this screening there were very few
students who flunked out after being admitted to the medical school.
5. St John's University Medical School was affiliated with two Shanghai hospitals;
St Luke's which was a general hospital having about 175 beds, and St Elizabeth's,
which was more of a woman's hospital, specializing in pediatrics and obstetrics.
St Elizabeth's had 150 to 200 beds. 25X1
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6. The faculty at St John's University Medical School consisted of about 60
foreign and Chinese instructors. [redacted]
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7. [redacted] the Stevens Memorial Hospital in Changchow in Kiangsu
Province [redacted] had about two hundred beds and had very good equipment.
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8. [redacted] It was necessary for an individual to have an MS degree to be on the faculty of St John's Medical School. 25X1
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9. St John's University also had a nursing school with about a hundred students. It provided three years training.
10. The enrollment at the National Medical College of Shanghai was considerably higher than at St John's. There were 50 to 60 students in each class, but many were dropped and the school averaged about 12 graduates out of each class.
11. The National Medical College of Shanghai [redacted] 25X1
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The emphasis at the National Medical College was on training teachers rather than general practitioners and training emphasized general medicine, surgery, pediatrics, neurology, and anatomy.
12. The National Medical College had four hospitals affiliated with it, two of which were in Shanghai; the Chung Sen Hospital, with about seven hundred beds and the First Red Cross Hospital with approximately four hundred beds.
13. National Medical College also was affiliated with two hospitals in Shanghai. The Central Hospital, located in the suburbs, had about 13 hundred beds, all on one floor. The second was Municipal Hospital, with about three hundred beds.
14. The National Medical College also had a school of nursing which provided three year training, and a school of pharmacy which offered a four year course.
15. The National Medical College was much less expensive than St John's Medical School. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The equipment was excellent. [redacted] one microscope 25X1
for each student [redacted] one cadaver for each two students. 25X1
16. [redacted] 25X1
17. No medical students were permitted to get married until they had completed their residency.
18. [redacted] 25X1
19. Students were required to spend some time in Public Health in remote areas [redacted] 25X1
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[redacted] biggest difficulty was that the farmers would not listen to doctors, particularly women doctors, and wanted no part of vaccinations, shots for typhoid, cholera, etc. Women assigned to such training primarily had to specialize in [redacted] work because of the complete lack of acceptance on the part of the general public. 25X1
20. [redacted] the government is now trying to increase the enrollment in medical schools by a very large percentage. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the quality of training would go down under the circumstances because the basic sciences need equipment and sufficient equipment would not be available to handle a heavily increased enrollment. 25X1
21. However, as far as quality of instruction is concerned, the Chinese instructors at St John's, National Medical College, and other schools [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] would be exceptionally well trained and would do an excellent job of training others if they did not escape or commit suicide. 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1